

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 158

Introduced by Assembly Member Perea

June 5, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 158—Relative to the CHP Officers Brian M. Law and Juan J. Gonzalez Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 158, as introduced, Perea. The CHP Officers Brian M. Law and Juan J. Gonzalez Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 99 from the Fresno/Tulare County Line to the Mountain View Avenue Overcrossing in the County of Fresno as the CHP Officers Brian M. Law and Juan J. Gonzalez Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Officer Brian Mitchio Law was born on July 2,
2 1979, in Redwood City, California; and

3 WHEREAS, Officer Law was married to his best friend,
4 Rebecca, whom he met when they were in the United States Air
5 Force, and they had three wonderful children: Lauren, Brandon,
6 and Samantha; and

7 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the California Highway Patrol,
8 Officer Law served in the United States Marine Corps and the
9 United States Air Force; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Law, badge number 18896, graduated from
2 the California Highway Patrol Academy in April 2008 with the
3 Cadet Training Class III-07 and, upon graduation, he was assigned
4 to the Oakland Area, where he served for approximately five years
5 before being transferred to the Fresno Area; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Law was an avid sports fan and a “die-hard”
7 San Francisco 49ers fan, so much so that his youngest daughter’s
8 baby shower was 49er-themed; and

9 WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Officer Law and his wife
10 were about to open a kick-boxing studio for women in North
11 Fresno—Fight Girl Fitness—into which he had put his “heart and
12 soul”; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Law was a hard-working, dedicated officer
14 who loved his job and enjoyed the people he worked with. He was
15 known for being a loyal and devoted family man and a wonderful
16 father and husband. His greatest joys were his wife and children.
17 In his spare time, Officer Law loved taking his family out on his
18 “pride and joy”—his speed boat, and barbequing and serving his
19 delicious tri-tip; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Law is admired by all who knew him for
21 his easy going demeanor, his ability to make friends with everyone,
22 and his dedication to serving others; and

23 WHEREAS, Officer Juan Jaime Gonzalez was born on February
24 10, 1981, graduated from Fresno State University, and was a
25 member of the Nu Alpha Kappa fraternity; and

26 WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez had dreams of becoming a
27 California Highway Patrol Officer since five years of age and, in
28 2008, that dream came true; and

29 WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez, badge number 18935, graduated
30 from the California Highway Patrol Academy in April of 2008
31 with the Cadet Training Class III-07 and, upon graduation, he was
32 assigned to the San Jose Area, where he served for approximately
33 two years before being transferred to the Fresno Area; and

34 WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez will always be remembered for
35 his silly jokes, his infectious “Scooby Doo” laugh, and his devotion
36 to his family and friends; and

37 WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez is admired for his commitment
38 to duty and the citizens of California, and his faithfulness, honesty,
39 and integrity; and

1 WHEREAS, On February 17, 2014, the state suffered a tragic
2 loss when California Highway Patrol Officers Brian M. Law and
3 Juan J. Gonzalez were killed in a single vehicle crash while
4 responding to an accident, thereby making the ultimate sacrifice
5 while performing their sworn duty; and

6 WHEREAS, Officers Law and Gonzalez, who were classmates
7 at the CHP Academy and good friends, were riding in the same
8 patrol car responding to an accident, which had been incorrectly
9 reported in the opposite direction. Nearing the scene of the
10 accident, the officers swerved to avoid one of the pedestrians that
11 had been involved in the accident and struck a guardrail, which
12 caused their vehicle to overturn. Both officers suffered fatal injuries
13 and were pronounced dead at the scene; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Law is survived by his mother, Judy, father,
15 Denis, wife, Rebecca, daughter, Samantha, son, Brandon,
16 step-daughter, Lauren, and sister, Carol; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez is survived by his mother, Maria
18 and sister, Sandra; and

19 WHEREAS, In recognition of the contributions, bravery, and
20 sacrifice of Officers Law and Gonzalez in serving the California
21 Highway Patrol and the citizens of California, it would be fitting
22 to designate a portion of State Highway Route 99, in the County
23 of Fresno, in their honor; now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
25 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
26 portion of State Highway Route 99 from the Fresno/Tulare County
27 Line to the Mountain View Avenue Overcrossing in the County
28 of Fresno as the CHP Officers Brian M. Law and Juan J. Gonzalez
29 Memorial Highway; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
31 to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
32 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
33 showing these special designations, and upon receiving donations
34 from non state sources covering the costs, to erect those signs; and
35 be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
37 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
38 author for appropriate distribution.

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